

**OFFICIAL WARNING**



**VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS**

CASE NO.

**AL120009**

VIOLATOR

**Customer # 31840  
Certificate # 64-C-0178  
The Mohile Zoo  
Attn: John Hightower**

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip Code)

**15161 Ward Road  
Wilmer, AL 36587**

The Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about **June 28, 2012 - May 31, 2012 - June 14, 2011** you or your organization committed the following violation of Federal Regulations:

**9 CFR, SECTION**

**Failure to**

**2.40 (b)(2)**

- Establish and maintain adequate veterinary care that includes the use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries, and the availability of emergency, weekend, and holiday care.

(Failure to seek veterinary care to diagnose why Price the tiger is not eating and further examination of a possible abdominal mass.)

**2.131 (b)(1)**

- Handle all animals as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort.

(Around December 26, 2011 a pack of wild dogs breached perimeter fencing and killed a pair of whitetail bucks, a pregnant red deer and several birds.)

**3.84 (c)**

- To keep housing facility premises clean and in good repair to protect nonhuman primates from injury, facilitate husbandry practices, reduce or eliminate breeding and living areas for rodents, pests and vermin.

(The enclosure outside yard of Joe the chimpanzee has accumulation of trash on the ground.)

**3.125 (a)**

- Construct facility of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved. Indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

(\*\*The building housing the Himalayan bear has a rust corroded area of tin and sharp edges on the east side. Several tattered shade cloths are no longer providing shade.

\*\*The Razorback hogs enclosure shade cloth has several limbs and leaf matter weighing it down.

9 CFR, SECTION

Failure to

3.125 (a)  
(continued)

(\*\*A section of the three foot kick-in of the white tiger enclosure on the west side has fallen and no longer at a 45 degree angle. The chain link enclosure fence has a hole at the bottom.  
 \*\*The Black bear enclosure chain link fence is rusted with sharp wire points. A hot wire guard was not active.  
 \*\*A section of the three foot kick-in of the Bengal tiger enclosure on the north side has fallen and no longer at a 45 degree angle.  
 \*\*A section of the three foot kick-in of the Siberian tiger enclosure on the east side has fallen and no longer at a 45 degree angle.  
 \*\*The serval enclosure posts and gate are corroded in various locations.)

3.125 (d)

- Make provision for the removal and disposal of animal and food wastes, bedding, dead animals, trash and debris. Disposal facilities shall be so provided and operated as to minimize vermin infestation, odors, and disease hazards. The disposal facilities and any disposal of animal and food wastes, bedding, dead animals, trash, and debris shall comply with applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations relating to pollution control or the protection of the environment.

(The two Siberian tiger enclosure has yellow plastic buckets for enrichment that are excessively chewed and shredded.)

3.130

- Make potable water available as often as necessary for the health and comfort of the animal.

(The leopard enclosure has two small water bowls, one empty, one with very little water, with current temperatures ranging in the high 90's.)

3.131 (e)

- Keep buildings and grounds clean and in good repair to protect animals from injury and facilitate husbandry practices.

(There is clutter in the room near the two Patagonian Cavy enclosure. There is dust or cobwebs in the animal night quarters area.)

Titles 7 & 9 Code of Federal Regulations were promulgated to help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases and assure the humane treatment of animals. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impact detrimental to the public interest, you are warned of this violation. Any further violation of these regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty or criminal prosecution. If you have any questions concerning this warning or violation, please contact the listed APHIS Official.

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